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SUBJECT: P.L. 480 TITLE II -- GHANA SITREP

1. SUMMARY: AS OF JULY 31, APPROXIMATELY
1,100 MT EMERGENCY SORGHUM TRUCKED TO UPPER
AND NORTHERN REGIONS. FUEL PROBLEMS REPORTED
EARLIER CABLES NOW ABATED. USG SORGHUM
DISTRIBUTIONS ONGOING OR SOON TO BEGIN IN:
BAWKU, BOLGATANGA, SANDEMA, NAVRONGO AND
GAMBAGA. TITLE II SORGHUM FOLLOWS RECENT
DISTRIBUTION OF 5,000 MT OF U.K. WHEAT IN SAME
AFFECTED REGIONS. FOLLOWING ON USG FOOD AID
WILL BE 3,500-4,000 MT OF EEC WHEAT AND 5,000 MT
OF WFP SORGHUM. EEC WHEAT BEING BAGGED NOW
AT TEMA; WFP SORGHUM HAS TENTATIVE ETA
TAKORADI BY END-AUGUST. GIVEN CURRENT FOOD
AID IN PIPELINE AND FAVORABLE CROP OUTLOOK,
AT THIS TIME IT DOES NOT APPEAR ADDITIONAL FOOD
AID NECESSARY, AND WE ARE SO ADVISING GOG.

2. RAINFALL: RAINS GENERALLY FAVORABLE
IN MOST AREAS OF U/R AND N/R. RAINS STOPPED IN
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SOME ISOLATED POCKETS, BUT NOW RETURNED TO
NORMAL. THESE ISOLATED PCKETS EXPERIENCED
POOR EARLY MILLET HARVESTS, BUT PROSPECTS
GOOD FOR LATE CROPS. FOOD AID SHOULD PROVE
BENEFICIAL, ESPECIALLY IN THESE ISOLATED PCCKETS
OF DROUGHT. IN WESTERN PART OF U/R NEAR WA,
RAINS STOPPED 3 WEEKS IN JUNE, NECESSITATING

REPLANTING BY MANY FARMERS IN THAT AREA.
CURRENT CONDITIONS IN THE AREA HAVE IMPROVED.
USAID ASKING NATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD COORDINA-
TOR DIRECT MORE FOOD AID TO WA. RANFALL MUST
REMAIN NORMAL FOR NEXT 60 DAYS, IF GHANA IS TO
COMPLETELY OVERCOME EMERGENCY SITUATION.

3. CROPS: WHILE IT IS STILL PREMATURE TO
PREDICT THE RESULT OF THE LATE HARVEST,
PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE VERY PROMISING. EARLY
MILLET NOW BEING HARVESTED WITH GENERALLY
GOOD YIELDS. CONDITION OF LATE CROPS ALSO GOOD.

4. EMERGENCY FOOD AID REQUEST: DUE
FOREGOING MISSION CANNOT SUPPORT GOG'S LATEST
EMERGENCY FOOD REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL 10,000 MT
SORGHUM. WILL SO ADVISE GOG. (COMMISSIONER ABBEY) AUG. 2.

5. TODATE, APPROXIMATELY 45 PERCENT OF
U.S. SORGHUM MOVED TO U/R AND N/R. MISSION STILL
HOPES ALL EMERGENCY TITLE II COMMODITIES WILL
BE DISTRIBUTED BY SEPTEMBER 30, HOWEVER, LACK
OF TRANSPORT MAY PREVENT MEETING THIS TIME
SCHEDULE. MISSION WORKING TO HELP RESOLVE
TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES AND WILL KEEP AID/W
ADVISED. HOLMES
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